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Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1875.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—From our reports this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be cloudy with rain.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and pleasant during the day, but cloudy and threatening at night.

Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch Office January 27, 1875.

6 A. M. 30.3  
9 A. M. 33.8  
12 M. 38.0  
3 P. M. 40.0  
6 P. M. 38.0  
9 P. M. 35.0

General Joseph E. Johnston Defends Himself.

SAY, December 31, 1874.

To the Virginia Division of the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia:

In the oration delivered by Colonel Marshall at your fourth annual meeting I am honored to have been named as one of the great leaders of the Army of Northern Virginia.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

LICENSES ASSESSED UPON MERCHANTS FOR 1874.—In pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, passed on the 12th inst., the Auditor of Public Accounts has submitted to that body a statement showing the amount of taxes assessed upon the merchants according to the principle of graduation upon the purchases of the several classes in the several cities and counties of the Commonwealth for the year 1874. This statement shows an excess of \$2,300.00 over the amount reported in the Auditor's last report, which grows out of the fact that additional returns were made to him after the preparation of that report.

The whole amount assessed in counties is \$78,007.44, and in cities as follows:

Alexandria, \$7,700.41  
Arlington, \$3,380.98  
Falls Church, \$2,218.88  
Frying Pan, \$943.26  
Manassas, \$2,474.81  
Manassas Park, \$4,618.94  
Portsmouth, \$4,370.28  
Richmond, \$44,900.00  
Sharon, \$4,400.00  
Stafford, \$393.28  
Winchester, \$1,177.40

Total cities, \$124,456.06  
Grand total—Counties, \$78,007.44  
Cities, \$124,456.06  
\$202,063.50

A committee of Richmond merchants, consisting of Messrs. Isaac Davenport, Andrew Elliott, and John Purcell, with General Joseph R. Anderson and Colonel W. S. Gilman, of our city delegation in the House, yesterday were before the Finance Committee of the two Houses sitting in joint session, and presented weighty reasons why the present license-tax on merchants should not be continued. From the expressions of members of the committee it is apparent that a majority of them will favor some change which will prove more acceptable to merchants and not much less the State's revenues.

THE "ANTI-FUNDERS" NOT YET DEAD.—Immediately after the adjournment of the House of Delegates yesterday Mr. Conrad, the reading clerk, said: "I have been requested to state that the meeting of the convention of anti-funders, which was to have taken place to-night, has been indefinitely postponed. This was the occasion of a number of congratulatory remarks and the inauguration of a brief era of good feeling, speedily dissipated, however, by Colonel Fulkerson stating to those about the clerk's table that the meeting of anti-funders had not been 'indefinitely postponed,' but that it was a determination to make money, and they never will be worth less than now."

Mr. Downing argued against the proposed reduction of the number of commissioners, and advised that Congress be petitioned to fix some day for the payment of a dividend to depositors.

THE PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION.—This well-known musical organization is engaged at present in rehearsing for a series of concerts to be given during February. The junior class, composed of fresh young voices, will also take part, making the chorus of the association a very attractive one. The chorus will number about fifty or sixty singers.

A plan is also on foot to establish the Association on a firmer basis, and when the changes spoken of are made this society will be equal to any in the country. The members of the Association are doing their best for the success of the organization, which is warmly appreciated in Richmond, and their efforts will doubtless be fully rewarded.

To-night another rehearsal takes place, after which the active members are to pass upon several important business propositions.

THE THEATRE—ENOCH ARDEN.—Mr. Edwin Adams concluded his engagement at the Theatre last night, and made his farewell to a rather small audience. Our people appreciate his acting, but it must be his last. He has been a very attractive man, and Enoch Arden—to draw large houses three consecutive nights.

It is understood that the Katie Putnam Company will be here shortly. They are already arranged to appear in Norfolk.

Mlle. Irma De Murska.—Mlle. De Murska has engaged to appear at Assembly Hall in operatic concerts on the night of the 5th of February and at a matinee on the day following. Musicians know the register of all the great singers' voices, and it is said that Mlle. De Murska sings the highest of all, and her notes are as clear as the ringing of a bell. There is nothing to compare them to but the tones of a mocking bird. The other members of the company are Monsieur Sauret, violinist; Madame Sauret, pianist; and Signor Ferranti, the great buffo singer. Mlle. De Murska is a Hungarian of birth, and is well known to musicians, and has been a favorite in northern cities where she has visited.

THE VIRGINIA NEGRO, PAST AND PRESENT.—To-night Dr. G. W. Bagby, better known as "Mozis Addams," the author of "Fifty Millions" and other works, will lecture at Assembly Hall, at 8 o'clock, on the subject of "The Virginia Negro—Past and Present." The subject, in such hands as Dr. Bagby's, will no doubt be one of great interest, and it is probable that there will be a full house to hear the Doctor.

UNAVAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RECORDED POST OFFICE JANUARY 27, 1875.—Milly Thomson, care Jack Thomson, Florida, Alabama; Mr. Ned Ingram, Chesterfield county, Va.

E. BUTCHER & CO., having established offices at the leading capitals of Europe, are receiving in large quantities the most elegant and most stylish novelties from all parts of the world. Their patterns are not only the most economical and reliable, but most fashionable. Ninth and Franklin streets. Catalogues free.

SELLING OFF AT A PROFIT.—E. B. SPENCE & SON are selling off at a profit. Give them a call.

SELLING OFF AT A PROFIT.—Clothing selling off at a profit by E. B. SPENCE & SON.

SELLING OFF AT A PROFIT.—Shirts selling off at a profit by E. B. SPENCE & SON.

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

N. M. LEE, 4 P. M., building lots on State Street, Filton.

COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., boots, shoes, clothing, guns, pistols, razors, &c.

A. B. DUESBERY, H. C. C. R., 10 A. M., wash-stand, barbers' chairs, mirrors, bed-cases, &c.

R. H. WHITELOCK will sell at Frederick's Hall, 5,000 pounds dark leaf and lusc tobacco.

HAIR-WEAR.

627 BROAD STREET.

AT E. L. GRANGER'S.

SELLING OFF AT AND BELOW COST.

Having positively resolved to pay my whole attention to the manufacture of HUMAN-HAIR GOODS, I will sell my entire stock of HUMAN-HAIR GOODS, at a profit, at 627 BROAD STREET, and below cost.

GRANGER'S is the cheapest place to buy HUMAN-HAIR GOODS and to have work done. Satisfaction guaranteed in all transactions. GRANGER, 627 BROAD STREET.

FROM THIS DATE MR. W. BEN. PALM.—Is admitted to an interest in our house. The firm name will remain unchanged. PALMER, HARTSHORN & CO. Richmond, January 3, 1875.

PERSONAL.—Colonel Thomas H. Wynne is convalescent.

QUIT.—Not a single arrest was reported at the Second station-house up to 10 o'clock last night.

SAMPLE-MERCHANT ARRESTED.—George W. Hull was arrested yesterday and taken to the First station-house on the charge of selling goods by sample without license, in violation of the State revenue law.

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